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INFO AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

C O N F I D E N T I A L CARACAS 3600

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, ES, VE  
SUBJECT: SITUATION IN EL SALVADOR

1. DURING A CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ AND FOREIGN MINISTER CONSALVI ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED HIS GRAVE CONCERN ABOUT THE SITUATION IN EL SALVADOR. HIS IMMEDIATE WORRY WAS THE SEIZURE OF THE VENEZUELAN EMBASSY BY THE PEASANT GROUP, AND THE FACT THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR HAS SIMPLY STEPPED ASIDE AND "FOLDED ITS ARMS." THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT THEY HAD JUST RECEIVED NOTICE THAT THE SWISS EMBASSY HAD ALSO BEEN SEIZED.

2. GIVEN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, PEREZ SAID, THE SITUATION WAS APPROACHING THE CHAOTIC, AND IT ADDED UP TO A "DANGEROUS SITUATION." HE SAID THAT HE HAD GIVEN SOME THOUGHT TO CALLING THIS SITUATION TO THE ATTENTION OF THE OAS COUNCIL. HE ASKED TO BE PROVIDED WITH ANY VIEWS THE USG MIGHT HAVE ON THE SITUATION.

3. ACTION REQUESTED. I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING OUR ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION IN GENERAL AND THE "EMBASSIES SEIZURE" SITUATION IN PARTICULAR, AS WELL AS INFORMATION AS TO OUR POLICY TOWARD THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, IN THE EVENT  
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THE GOV WISHES TO PURSUE THE TOPIC WITH ME IN THE FUTURE.  
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